(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government have announced termination of their contract with Fairfax and that too without waiting for the Thakkar Commission to find out whether or not Fairfax Group had been engaged by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GANDHVI): (a) Various aspects of the issues relating to Fairfax Group Inc. of USA are presently being looked into by the Justices Thak-kar-Natarajan Commission of Inquiry. It would not be proper to discuss the matter further at this stage. The Report of the Commission would be laid before the Parliament.

(b) The then Director of Enforcement had given on 7-1-87 an authorisation to Dr. Harris, resident of 7369, Mcwhorter Place, Anandale, Virginia 22003 USA, and Mr. Gordon andrew Mckay, authorising them to collect information in a specific case. The address indicated in the same as that of the Fairfax Group inc. of USA. The Directorate of Enforcement terminated with immediate effect from 27th May, 1987 whatever arrangement had been entered into or whatever authorisation was purported to have been given by Shri Bhure Lal, the former Director of Enforcement, to the abovementioned persons or with the Fairfax Group Inc. of USA or any of its representatives or employees. Before this action was taken, it was ascertained that the Justices Thakkar-Natarajan Commission had no objection to the course of action adopted by the Directorate of Enforcement.

श्री मैथिलीशरण गुप्त की जन्म शती

2985. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 3 अगस्त, 1986 से 3 अगस्त, 1987 तक श्री मैथिलीशरण गुप्त के जन्म शती समारोहों में मंत्रालय ने अपना योगदान कैसे दिया ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि मंत्रालय ने इस अवसर का लाभ लेकर लोगों में राष्ट्रीय जागरूकता तथा राष्ट्रीय अखंडता की भावना पैदा करने के लिए अभियान नहीं चलाया ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) इस मंत्रालय के विभिन्न माध्यम एककों द्वारा श्री मैथिलीशरण गुप्त की जन्म शताब्दी समारोह के उपलक्ष में तैयार किए गए बिभिन्न कार्यक्रम परिशिष्ट 1 से 5 में दिए गए हैं (देखिए परिशिष्ट CXLIII अनुपत्र संख्या 116क)

(ख) यह मंत्रालय साम्प्रदायिक सद्भाव और राष्ट्रीय एकता को अत्यधिक महत्व देता है। इसके माध्यम एकक इन विषयों पर विभिन्न फारमेटों में कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत कर रहे हैं। मैथिलीशरण गुप्त के जन्म-शताब्दी समारोह को मनाने के लिए वार्ताओं और परिचर्चाओं पर आधारित तैयार किए गए कुछ कार्यक्रम लोगों में राष्ट्रीय एकता की भावना उत्पन्न करने के लिए थे।

Policy for Commercial Advertisement

2986. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any new policy and code of conduct for commercial advertisement on Doordarshan and All India Radio;

(b) if so, what are- the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to curb commercial advertisements on Doordarshan promoting consumerism of various commodities having an urban bias?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Code of Conduct for commercial advertisement on All India Radio and Doordarshan have been suitably modified and enlarged to meet the present requirement.

(b) The Code is intended to ensure that the advertisements conform to laws of the country and do not offend against morality, decency and religious susceptibilities of the people. Advertisements promoting use of intoxicant, those of political nature, those connected with chit funds, betting, those misguiding children etc. are not accep ted for broadcast/telecast.

(c) All advertisements not conforming to the Code are not ac- cepted.

Scrutiny of income tax assessments

2987. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Government to ensure intensive and close scrutiny of income tax assessments by the tax payers;

(b) whether any cases have been detected where such self-assessments by the tax payers have been found to be incorrect; and

(c) if so, the percentage of such cases to the total number of such assessments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes. Sir. However, it is not possible to furnish the information *as* such statistics is not maintained.

Interest free loans by risk capital foundation

2988. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Risk Capital Foundation has sanctioned interest-free loaing to certain entrepreneurs for setting up projects for manufacturing various sophisticated products;

(b) if so, the names of the entrepreneurs and the projects for which the interst free loans have been sanctioned and the amount of loans in each case; and

(c) the criteria for sanctioning such interst-free loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) to (c) The Risk Capital Foundation, sponsored by the Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) provides interest-free loans to entrepreneurs possessing technical or professional qualifications or having relevant ex perience in industry or business to enable them to meet a part of the promoters contribution. No interest is charged on these loans but a no minal service charge is levied. The RCF have stipulated various condi tions for assistance which *inter alia* include that the cost of the project should ordinarily be between Rs. 2.00 crores and Rs. 15.00 crores and the project should be technically feasible, financially sound and economically viable. The assistance from the RCF is normally limited to 50% of the promoters contribution. The IFCI has reported that RCF has sanctioned a total assistance of Rs. 14.04 crores to 213 promoters for 127 projects upto 30th June, 1987. Out of these projects, in the opinion of IFCI 17 projects could be considered as those which involved manu- facture of sophisticated products. the names of such entreprenev amount sanctioned & the products